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SUBJECT:CU/ARTS:COMPOSERS STRING QUARTET

REF: NEW DELHI 6517; OSLO 1984

1. COMPOSERS STRING QUARTET HAS EXCELLENT EVALUATION BOTH ON AND OFF-STAGE. GROUP TOURED IN SOVIET UNION UNDER DEPT AUSPICES IN 1972. QUARTET ESTABLISHED IN 1965.

2. MEMBERS NAMES ARE MATTHEW RAIMONDI AND ANAHID AJEMIAN, VIOLINISTS; JEAN DUPOUY, VIOLIST AND MICHAEL RUDIAKOV, CELLIST. BIO MATERIAL BEING AIRPOUCHED. MANAGER FOR THIS TOUR IS GEORGE AVAKIAN (AJEMIAN'S HUSBAND) AT 285 CENTRAL PARK WEST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10024.

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3. REPERTOIRE IS EXTENSIVE. ALTHOUGH QUARTET SPECIALIZES

IN TWENTIETH CENTURY MUSIC, HAS MANY CLASSICAL WORKS IN REPERTOIRE. WILL AIRPOUCH ASAP.

4. GROUP WILL BE IN ENGLAND FOR THREE CONCERTS AROUND NOVEMBER 24-30, 1975. WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIA AROUND DECEMBER 1 FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

5. GROUP'S FEE IS DOLS 800 FOR ONE CONCERT, DOLS 700 EACH FOR TWO AND DOLS 600 EACH FOR MORE THAN TWO, PLUS PER DIEM; COUNTRY TO COUNTRY AND INTERNAL TRAVEL. DIVERSIONARY TRAVEL WOULD BE NEEDED FROM LONDON AND TO EITHER LONDON OR POSSIBLY OSLO. FYI. DEPT BELIEVES SINCE GROUP INTERESTED IN INDIA PERFORMANCES THEY MIGHT REDUCE FEES BUT AT CURRENT TIME RUPEE PAYMENT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

6. AVAKIAN HAS LETTER FROM RAVI SHANKAR'S BROTHER WHO HAS CONTACTED THREE SOURCES FOR CONCERTS IN INDIA. SUGGEST POST COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH SHANKAR'S BROTHER RAJENDRAL.

7. FOR OSLO: QUARTET MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 23 OR LATE DECEMBER AFTER INDIA ENGAGEMENTS. BOSTON MUSICA VIVA SUBJECT SEPTTEL/. INGERSOLL UNQTE KISSINGER

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